I undertake on behalf of the Centre to ensure that the Government of India is promptly informed of the assignment to the South Asia Regional Office of all staff members and contract experts. The Centre in addition will ensure that such persons will not engage in activities within India not related to the purposes of the Centre.

It is our understanding that the focal point within the Government of India for all discussions relating to IDRC activities within India shall be the Ministry of Finance.

May I, by these presents, acknowledge the cooperation of you and your officials and express my confidence that the establishment of this regional office will be a further significant step in the enrichment of the relationship between India and Canada.

Yours respectfully,

Sd/-

Robert Auger

Seretary and

General Counsel."

I have the honour to confirm that this letter correctly sets out the understanding reached between the Government of India and IDRC.

Sd/-

(S. Sundar)

Joint Secretary
Deptt, of Economic Affairs
Ministry of Finance

Outstanding Central loan against States

1288. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central loan outstanding against each State as on 31st March, 1999;

(b) what was the amount of loans released to each State during 1998-99; and

(c) the loan and interest paid back by each State to the Centre during 1998-99, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) A statement showing details of Central loan outstanding against each State as on 31st March, 1999; amount released to each State during 1998-99; and loan and interest paid back by each State to the Centre during 1998-99 is enclosed.

Statement

Outstanding Central Loan against States

(In crores of Rs.)

States	Outstanding as on 31.3.1999	Loans Released during 1998-99	Loan Repaid during 1998-99	Interest paid during 1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	13947.07	3021.18	1141.05	1476.55
Arunachal Pradesh	341.25	58.13	13.09	33.72
Assam	4215.82	450.53	310.36	306.75
Bihar	13219.27	2808.93	495.37	1290.69
Goa	1107.48	127.07	33.54	76.22
Gujarat	14441.71	3240.24	446.38	1492.93
Haryana	49.1.51	1005.61	246.38	526.84
Himachal Pradesh	2687.26	466.21	158.42	321.24
Jammu & Kashmir	3363.87	529.70	255.65	343.48
Karnataka	9016.75	1551.99	298.21	977.87
Kerala	5648.43	869.59	212.11	606.84
Madhya Pradesh	9231.61	1861.77	347.44	918.95
Maharastra	23230.62	4788.52	731.76	2446.31
Manipur	334.19	147.00	99.61	35.64
Meghalaya	317.11	48.87	13.42	33.75
Mizoram	261.75	111.69	81.11	.27.11
Nagaland	321.94	216.37	184.68	40.14
Orissa	6753.84	1406.61	440.12	683.48
Punjab	13060.03	2359.56	1279.24	1512.84
Rajasthan	9922.85	2024.55	414.29	1022.34
Sikkim	192.09	55.39	30.23	20.11
Tamilnadu	10744.91	1591.17	408.77	1188.4
Tripura	553.85	120.49	21.58	55.66
Uttar Pradesh	29102.74	5447.89	999.54	3055.41
West Bengal	21584.31	5402.80	499.21	2166.19
TOTAL	198512.26	39711.86	9161.56	20659.46